

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

Claims 1-36 are pending. Claims 1-20 are allowed, and claims 21-36 stand rejected. In the current amendment, no claims are amended.

REMARKS

Statement of Substance of Interview

Examiner rejected claims 21-36 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) over US Patent 5,584,010 to Kawai et al. ("Kawai") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,765,025 to Morimoto et al. ("Morimoto"). On August 22, 2007, Applicant's representative conducted an interview with Examiner Eron Sorrell, the relevant portions of which are summarized herein in accordance with MPEP §713.04.

During the interview, the claims, Examiner's rejections, and the combination of Kawai and Morimoto were discussed. Applicant's representative and Examiner reached agreement that Morimoto, like Kawai, does not disclose "after the I/O device transfers a data unit to a system external to the computer," "after a data unit transfer between the computer system memory and a system external to the computer system," or "transferring a data unit between a memory in a computer system and a system external to the computer system," as claimed in claim 21, claim 30, and claim 34, respectively. For at least this reason, these claims, and the claims that depend from them, are patentable over Morimoto and Kawai, both alone and in combination.

On the basis of the above, Applicant has addressed Examiner's rejections and request the allowance of all claims. Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to advance prosecution of this case.

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